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Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley

UTA Schedule

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We're vital member of Total Force actions here, abroad

By Col. Richard R. Moss
Commander

As you are aware, the conflict in Iraq has been ongoing for the past four weeks. So far the coalition forces have been successful in meeting the objectives set forth by the President as we strive to liberate the Iraqi people from an oppressive regime. Unfortunately, freedom isn't free and there has been a price to pay in coalition casualties. We all must keep our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, and their families, in our thoughts as the conflict continues to a successful conclusion.

As members of the military, we must keep in mind that we do not make policy—we simply execute it to the best of our ability. The war in Iraq has caused some divided views to

come forth. Our mission is to support the objectives of our government. We, as representatives of the military, must ensure that we remain neutral in our views. As a private citizen, your views are yours and that is your right; however, do not get involved as a representative of the Air Force Reserve in events that support one position or the other.

One aspect which has definitely come to the forefront now, as in Desert Storm, is the total preparedness of the Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard to blend seamlessly with the active component when needed. Due to our training, equipment, and outstanding personnel, we



Col. Richard R. Moss, 302nd Airlift Wing commander.

have once again proven that the Air Reserve Component is a viable and necessary component of our defense structure and that the Air Force concept of "Total Force" works extremely well. This is a testament to the abilities of all members of the ARC. As the active force has downsized, our

role becomes even more critical. This is also the reason we must all concentrate on getting the necessary training to be prepared to deploy whenever needed. I need each of you to assume the personal responsibility to ensure you are ready if needed.

In the coming months, we will continue to be busy as we prepare for annual tour deployments, fire fighting, and other taskings as they

occur; however, we cannot forget that we will be getting a Staff Assistance Visit from 22nd Air Force in September. This "helpful" visit from our numbered Air Force will be extensive and check everything. Start preparing now so we can once again prove we are the best.

Chaplain's corner

"You never conquer a mountain--you can only conquer yourself!"

By Capt. Tim Wilson
Chaplain's office

It towers 29,035 feet above sea level shrouded in clouds and ice. Its ridges separate Nepal and Tibet. The Nepalese affectionately call it *Sagarmatha*, "the goddess of the sky," while the Tibetans refer to it as *Chomolungma* or "the mother goddess of the universe." No matter what you call it, Mount Everest demands respect as 120 bodies remain entombed on its icy slopes.

This magnificent mountain was first known to the English in 1865 rather unimaginatively as Peak 15. Later it was named after the man to first record its height and location, Sir George Everest, although mountaineering enthusiasts

know the first man to tackle the summit was Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953.

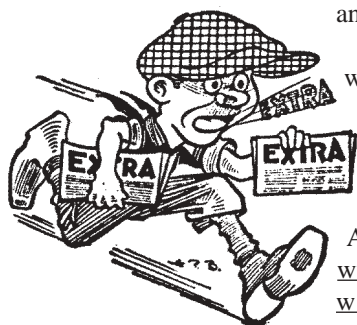
Ten years later the first American reached the top of its icy peak. James Whitaker's accomplishment caused quite a stir. When queried by well meaning reporters about how he conquered the mountain, James Whitaker's answer proved insightful: "You never conquer a mountain. Mountains can't be conquered. You can only conquer yourself, your hopes, your fears!"

How true. The greatest challenges are not merely external but internal. Adverse circumstances are the proving ground which reveal how we manage our inner frustrations and fears. The successful climb to the peak starts and ends not only on the mountain but more significantly in our hearts.

How encouraging to realize that God wants to help us as we face life's mountains. In Scripture, God often promises His power and presence to those who face very difficult tasks. To Joshua He offers these words of encouragement, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Do you have any mountains looming before you? Are you facing any challenges that seem overwhelming? Do you struggle on the slippery slope of anxiety or apprehension? Ask God to replace doubts with hope, fear with faith and keep moving upward. God may not change the mountain but he can change us.

Climb renewed with God's courage!



Retirees and friends pass the word

The luncheon for Retirees and Friends from the 901st/302nd Airlift Wings is scheduled for the first Friday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 1970 Wynoka (Powers Blvd. and Palmer Park) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If a holiday falls on the first Friday of the month, there will be no luncheon for that month. The group is seated in a separate area and is open to everyone. For more information, please call Ann McCann at 597-2934 or email her at annieray1@AOL.com

SFS work for Reserves

The 21st Security Forces Squadron Visitor Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays only for 302nd Air Wing reserve weekends/UTA schedule. All visitor center services will be available. Call 556-4678 or 556-6660 for more information.

Antivirus software available for home use

The DOD antivirus software license agreements with Network Associates (McAfee), Trend Micro and Symantec (Norton) allows active DOD employees to use some software for home use. This software is limited to active DOD Military and Civilian Employees. Home use of the antivirus/security products will lessen the threat of employees bringing malicious logic into work

and infecting DOD networks.

Note: The www.cert.mil website can NOT be accessed from your home computer, members must use the below addresses:

McAfee Security and Antivirus programs: <http://www.mcafee.com/dod> or http://www.cert.mil/antivirus/mcafee_index.htm

Norton/Symantec Security and Antivirus programs: http://www.cert.mil/antivirus/mcafee_index.htm

Trend Micro software: http://www.cert.mil/antivirus/trend_index.htm

In addition to these, FormFlow Filler and Adobe Acrobat Reader are available for use at home. If you require copies, contact your workgroup manager at 556-8295.

Due to the large file size of some software, if you are unable to download any of the programs, contact your workgroup manager for support.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Staff Sgt. Jeff Robertson, information protection officer.

Allowed to do lunch?

Not everyone in uniform is allowed to eat in the dining facility. Various DOD directives and financial regulations specifically control how the government buys food. In a nutshell:

- 302nd Airlift Wing enlisted members are authorized to use the dining facility.

- Officers are not authorized to use the enlisted dining facility unless specifically authorized by the installation commander, Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing commander. Deal has authorized commanders and officers, as designated in writing, to eat in the dining facility when eating a meal to determine the quality and quantity of food served. Officers on temporary

duty are allowed to use the dining facility when the authorization is included on their orders and the installation commander has determined government meals, according to AFI 34-239 Food Service Management Program, attachment 13.

Virtual deadline nears

In late January, the procedure for updating emergency contact information changed when the Air Force launched the Virtual Record of Emergency Data. It will be phased in during a period of several months.

The vRED, that resides within the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, replaces the FormFlow version of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and allows members to have 24/7 access to emergency contact information through the Air Force Personnel Center secure server from any internet-capable computer.

The vRED is an automated "smart" program that will guide participants through the process of completing their emergency contact information and will tailor the questions asked to respective family situations. The

program is also designed to highlight areas that haven't been completed or were completed incorrectly. Another benefit of the vRED is that it will remind members upon logging into the vMPF to review/update the information at periodic intervals.

Completion of the vRED is mandatory for everyone in the Air Force and must be accomplished by May 16. For more information, please contact customer service at 556-8185.

SGLI, FSGLI premiums decrease in July

Premium rates for both Service Member's Group Life Insurance and Family SGLI are being reduced effective July 1. This is an automatic decrease and no update action is required.

As a reminder, members who previously elected to decline or reduce coverage must complete a certification of good health, SGLV 8285 for SGLI and SGLV 8285A for FSGLI, before restoring or increasing coverage.

For more information or to get a list of the rates, please call customer service at 556-8185.

Last minute employer sign ups now available

"As each day passes, more Guard and Reserve airmen are being activated to join the fight in the ongoing war on terrorism, so employer support for our airmen is more important now than ever," said Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, director, Your Guardians of Freedom, recently in regards to the "E" pin program.

Another option for reservists wanting to recognize their employers is to invite them to the 302nd Airlift Wing Employer Appreciation Day, June 7.

Reservists can thank their

bosses for all the support they've given throughout the past year.

Lunch will be served at the Peterson Air Force Base Officer's Club followed by an orientation flight on one of the 302nd AW's C-130s.

The employers will also receive a mission brief and an overall view of exactly what reservists do.

To sign up an employer, fill out the appropriate form located in the public affairs office. For more information call 556-4117.

310th to gain new units, mark new era

By Maj. Kim Oberly
310th Space Group

Two new units will be born under the 310th Space Group this October, the 310th Communication Flight and the 26th Space Aggressor Squadron.

Gaining approval and funding for these two squadrons marks a new era for reservists. "[The 26th SAS] will be the first reserve aggressor squadron in the history of the Air Force Reserve Command," said Lt. Col. Kyle A. Charles, former commander 14th Test Squadron.

To prepare for the stand-up of the new units, the 302nd Airlift Wing hosted a Site Activation Task Force in late March.

The SATAF, which was comprised of AFRC, Air Force Space Command, 10th AF, 302nd AW, and 310th SG members, represented the operations, communications, manpower, plans, financial, and facilities communities. This select group met to assure the availability of all necessary resources for

activations.

The team came together with several objectives: ensure units can stand-up by Oct. 1, assess impact of any potential late resources, formulate solutions, provide guidance, and answer questions. Having leaders from various functional areas, representing two MAJCOMs and numerous support organizations, ensured the lines of communication were open and encouraged a free exchange of ideas and information.

Both the 310th Communications Flight and 26th Space Aggressor Squadron came away from the SATAF with actions to work and resolve, but neither group had any issues standing in the way of the activation of their units. Many manpower, funding, facili-



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley
Linda Haydis briefs members of the Site Activation Task Force.

ties and operational issues were discussed and resolved during the week. New actions were identified and the work assigned.

Thanks to the many profession-

als coming together as a single community, the 310th Communications Flight and the 26th Space Aggressor Squadrons have a roadmap to ensure the successful standup of their organizations.

"We are proud and excited to have expanding reserve opportunities in the communications and space aggressor arenas... both very critical Air Force missions," said Col. Susan Rhodes, 310th SG deputy commander.

SFS member clinches Airman of the Quarter

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

He's been in the Air Force Reserve a little more than two years, but Senior Airman Tyson Herro has already gained a wealth of experience from being in the wing's security forces squadron.



"I've been to Qatar and Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia for a four- and two-month deployment in each location," said Herro. "I've searched for explosives while serving on search bays for vehicles returning to base."

Herro is Airman of the Quarter for the first quarter 2003. "It's an honor belonging to not only me, but to all airmen in my squadron," said Herro. "My squad-

leader, Master Sgt. Ronald Price, and fire-team leader, Tech. Sgt. Elroy Cormier, showed faith in me by submitting me for the award."

Aside from his duties at the squadron, Herro finds time to pursue a career in teaching and associate degrees in Mechanical and Architectural design.

"I want to be an elementary or high school teacher," said Herro. "I hope to attend New Mexico University in the fall."

Herro is from Albuquerque, N.M. and enjoys writing poetry and short stories, but his favorite pastime is spending time with his 5-year-old daughter, Leena. "We spend a lot of time at the zoo, museum and malls," he said.



NCO of the quarter passionate about education

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Wing members submitted more than 50 applications during the event and spoke with representatives about educational needs. When not helping wing members with educational and training goals, Rasmussen is following her own educational agenda. She recently completed two Community College of the Air Force degrees and has a bachelor's degree in education.

Rasmussen is Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2003, and is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the wing education and training office.

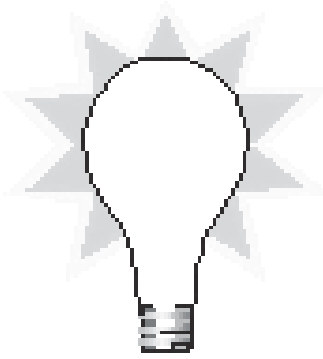
She is credited with organizing the first ever Education Open House held at the wing with representatives from the University of Phoenix and Colorado Technical University among others.

"Education and learning is my passion," said Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen. "It's what drives me."

Rasmussen is following her own educational agenda. She recently completed two Community College of the Air Force degrees and has a bachelor's degree in education.

Rasmussen, an advocate of the new Troops to Teachers program, has served as a school teacher for more than eight years in Ohio, Minnesota and Colorado.

"She is diligent and conscientious," said Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Rice, chief of wing education and training. "She is the consummate team player."



Training sheds light

By Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley

731st Airlift Squadron

A C-130 sneakily approaches a darkened runway. Hiding amidst the darkness of night, crew members complete checklists with special gear to light the way.

“Crew, pilot, Airland Before Landing Checklist.”

“Altimeters—set.”

“Standing by slowdown.”

“Slowdown now.”

“Flaps—50 percent.”

“Landing gear—down, indicators checked.”

“Hydraulic panel—set.”

“Airland before landing



Master Sgt. Dave Carey, 731st Airlift Squadron, uses a focusing aid to prepare his night vision gear prior to a flight.



Senior Master Sgt. Ernie Leyba, flight engineer, and Maj. Jeff Flint, pilot, taxi out for a night mission at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

checks...”

“Complete.”

The Herk touches down on a blacked out runway.

“Ramp and door is clear to open.”

“Coming open.”

The loadmaster moves through the airplane, his world green and grainy as he looks through the night vision gear.

“You’re clear to offload.”

“Pilot, you’re clear to taxi.”

As the airplane brakes are released, the supply pallet rolls out onto the taxiway in the pitch black night.

“Load clear.”

With a roar of its engines, the Herk takes off into the inky black sky, its mission complete.

The crews of the 731st Airlift Squadron are hard at work training in NVG airland operations. The second phase of NVG training, NVG airland, involves the crews landing the airplane on blacked out runways and off-loading cargo in the dark.

NVG airland qualification is mandated by Air Mobility Command for all crew members in the 731st AS as a tool to more effectively operate at night in austere locations. “AMC has gone to a night flying structure because of the manpad (shoulder launched missile) threat around the world,” said Senior Master Sgt. Rick Kite.

The NVGs afford the crews an added margin of stealth while flying at night. By virtue of being able to fly under cover of darkness without aid of aircraft or external lighting, the aircrews are much less likely to be spotted by hostile forces. “Mission accomplishment is much easier if you can do it in an environment that can protect you with the cover of darkness,” said Lt. Col. Luke Coker, 731st AS navigator. One of the advantages to using night vision on an airland mission is the ability to operate on the ground in

Light on NVG procedures

darkness. “The five minutes of exposure on the ground when (the enemy) can load their mortar, take aim and fire—that’s when we don’t want them to see us. I think it has expanded things quite a bit in terms of what we are capable of,” said Maj. Chris Long, a pilot with the 731st AS.

Given the nature of the C-130 mission NVGs are the wave of the future for Air Force crews who operate C130s.

Instructors were trained by AFSOC crews at Duke Field, Fla. The initial cadre of instructors (four pilots, two navigators, two engineers and three loadmasters) brought home their new-found knowledge and jumped right into training crews locally. Most of the flying training is accomplished at the Pueblo airport, with other missions training at Roswell, N.M., and Hurlburt Field, Fla. On a local trainer the crews fly to Pueblo, and, with ground assistance from the 39th Aerial Port Squadron, they use the combat offload method to deliver supply pallet training loads.

A typical training mission involves numerous

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Maj. Chris Long
731st Airlift Squadron

blacked out approaches and landings, aircraft backing, combat off-loads and takeoffs.

The crew members enjoy the training as a challenging and rewarding task. Due to the intensity and inherent danger



Light from the night vision gear illuminate Maj. Dave Banker's, 731st Airlift Squadron, eye as he flies a night training mission

of this mission, the crews find themselves working together much more closely and effectively on NVG

trainers.

Most of the crew members have been trained and are now honing their NVG skills on local proficiency missions and off-station training missions. “Our crews are continuously

improving their training and they’re handling themselves well,” said Master Sgt. James Keup, 302nd Operations Group. “The training is just like everything else we do here,” said Coker. “It’s as good if not better than anyone else in the Air Force.”

In fact, the training has proven to be so effective that AMC has adopted the 731st AS training program system-wide. Lt. Col. Rich Stout, an instructor pilot with the 700th AS at Dobbins ARB, Ga., was recently tasked with NVG

upgrade training. He chose the crews of the 731st AS to instruct him. “The 302nd has led the way in all things tactical,” said Stout. “The entire unit has obviously worked as a close knit team in achieving their readiness in they ‘fly by night’ world. In short, the training was excellent, only to be surpassed by the willingness of the 302nd AW people to share and help us in the 94th AW get up to speed so we can accomplish our mission training future C-130 crew members.”

Legal help available during Iraq war

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

Colorado military members affected by the war in Iraq and their family members can now seek free legal assistance from any of a number of attorneys.

The Colorado Bar Association has several attorneys who have volunteered to offer legal services pro bono. The service stems from a similar program started last year by Lt. Col. Dave Miller, 302nd Airlift Wing deputy staff judge advocate, "to help military members, and their families, who

were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom."

Miller appealed to the humanitarian heart of the legal community after the 302nd was activated following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States. Several attorneys offered their help.

"We recruited about a dozen attorneys," Miller said. "Since then I contacted the Colorado Bar Association. Through the

CBA another 30 attorneys, most from the Denver area, stepped up to volunteer their services

Now, with the Colorado Bar Association's backing again, Miller and Col. David Shakes, an Army JAG, are seeking out assistance for Iraq war veterans.

"David and I are getting together to reenergize the program for the purposes of Iraq," Miller said.

The two have proposed compiling a list of available lawyers and providing them to local military legal offices.

"This is primarily to offset the workload," Miller said. "It will go a long way toward taking some of

the heat off the legal offices."

Though most of the lawyers may not have a background dealing with military law, in most cases they will offer more experience in dealing with various aspects of civilian law.

The scope of the program is left up to each individual lawyer. They may offer minor legal advice or, if they choose, represent the member in a court case.

"It's up to the attorney," Miller said. "We're really loose on that and I think we need to be."

The only stipulations, Miller said, are the lawyers are not allowed to charge a fee or use the program to "feed" their practice.



Squadron tests out new CC

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer L. Thibault
Front Range Flyer

The 14th Test Squadron is giving a major opportunity to lead after its change of command ceremony April 5, at Schriever Air Force Base.

Lt. Col. Kyle A. Charles relinquished the



Photo by Jodie Lockard

Col. Roscoe Griffin transfers command to Maj. Gary D. Hinton in the 14th Test Squadron Change of Command Ceremony April 5.

reins of the unit after serving in leadership roles for the past three years to Maj. Gary D. Hinton.

Hinton is no stranger to the unit as he previously served as the director of operations for the 14th TS and before that, the DO for the 9th Space Operations Squadron.

"Maj. Hinton's gallant character and spirit were certainly evident this afternoon," said Col. Roscoe Griffin, 310th Space Group commander and presiding officer during the change of command. "I look forward to serving along side this fine officer, and I'm eager to see what new heights Maj. Hinton plans to take the squadron."

The 14th TS performs operational testing of space systems as well as space aggression.

Charles is leaving the unit with great memories and pride. "The three years I spent in the 14th TS were some of the very best of my military service," said Charles. "Starting the unit up from scratch as the [director of operations], hiring all the people and building both the unit's programs and the working relationships within the Space Warfare Center, and then seeing the great people of the unit succeed in two vital mission areas were exciting and fulfilling times."

Reservists provide medical care for POW

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Seven Air Force reservists provided medical care aboard the C-17 Globemaster III flight that brought Pfc. Jessica Lynch back to the United States April 12.

Five members of Wright-Patterson's 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, along with reservists from McChord AFB, Wash., and Charleston AFB, S.C., cared for the former prisoner of war and 45 other patients on the flight from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The C-17 flight left Germany April 12 and arrived at Andrews AFB, Md., at approximately 5:15 p.m. the same day.

An Air Force Reserve Command unit, the 445th AES is tasked for one or two medical evacuation flights each month to Ramstein. When the medics took off from Wright-Patterson April 10 aboard a 445th Airlift Wing C-141, they anticipated a routine mission. Shortly after landing in Germany, the crew was reassigned to the C-17 mission.

In addition to Lynch, the patients included other military people injured in the war in Iraq, as well as family members, ranging in age from infant to retiree.

The medical crew "worked nonstop" from the time the aircraft took off, according to

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Armed Forces Day brings new event

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer L. Thibault
Front Range Flyer

This year Armed Forces Day, May 17, will be celebrated in a new way with the first Join-R-Forces Day.

Initiated by the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs InterQuest, Join-R-Forces Day invites the community to come out and recognize members of the local armed forces.

"We are very excited about the first Join-R-Forces Day!" said Bob Wilson, rotary club secretary and interface between the committee and the military. "The Colorado Springs community has a very high concentration of military members and we felt we needed an open community-wide event in which we could show our community appreciation for our military and all they do for us."

Wilson encourages military and nonmilitary families to come out and enjoy the day. "In many ways, if it weren't for our military, we wouldn't even be able to have an event like this," Wilson continued. "But especially in these times with so many of our service men and women deployed in the Middle East, it is vitally important to show our support for our troops."

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with activities for children of any age. "There will be displays of military equipment, games for kids, animals from Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, a variety of music, food and drink for everyone," said Wilson.

The day of fun is centered around a special awards presentation. "The cornerstone of Join-R-Forces Day will be the award of 100 specially minted challenge coins to

top enlisted performers from all of the [local] military installations," according to the event's website. "The coin is presented in recognition of their outstanding achievement on the job and in the community." Five of the recipients will be from the 302nd Airlift Wing.

The event also acts as a fund-raiser benefiting local charities, with 100 percent of the net proceeds going to their causes.

"Please come out to Memorial Park May 17! Admission is free. It's a great opportunity to show support for our troops. And if that's not enough you could buy a ticket for a chance to win a 100th Anniversary Harley-Davidson or \$5,000," said Wilson.

For more information on the event, take a look at their website at www.join-r-forces-day.org.

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Capt. Jim Kern, one of the crew members. The reservists dispensed medications, changed bandages, monitored treatment and assisted the patients throughout the 9-hour flight.

"I just let (the patients) talk," said another crew member, Capt. Kimm Sandusky. "Every one had a story. I told them, 'I'm proud of you.'"

Lynch was accompanied by three medical attendants in addition to members of her family.

"(The Lynch family) didn't like all the publicity," said Staff Sgt. Sandi Golden, another crew member from the 445th AES. "The family said that she (Lynch) was just the same as all the other soldiers on the plane."

After the C-17 landed at

Andrews, the patients were transported to hospitals and medical centers in the Washington, D.C., area for further medical care. Lynch went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The 445th AES medics returned to Dayton via commercial air April 13 and arrived at Wright-Patterson late that afternoon.

More than 600 reservists in the 445th AW have been activated to support the global war on terrorism, including members of the 445th AES. However, the five Wright-Patterson crewmembers who participated in the C-17 mission were not activated at that time.

"On Monday, we'll be returning to our civilian jobs," Sandusky said. (AFRC News Service from a 445th AW news release)

Changes to TRICARE article

Some of the information ran in *TRICARE extends medical benefits for activated reservists* in last month's magazine was incorrect. For more information, visit the TRICARE website at www.tricare.osd.mil and the Re-

serve Affairs Web site www.defenselink.mil/ra or contact the TRICARE Service Center located at 559 Vincent Street, Room 316, on Peterson Air Force Base or call them at (719) 264-5000.



The 302nd Airlift Wing honors and remembers all of those who have fallen in the line of duty recently and in the past, with special thoughts going to Lt. Col. Robert Buckhout, 1st Lt. Lance Dougherty, Capt. Geoffrey Boyd, Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie Vail, Master Sgt. Jay Kemp and Staff Sgt. Michael Sheideman.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

May 3-4

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVF/6-4180
0600 – 0730	“Jump Start” Fellowship	Sandy’s Restaurant	HC/6-7428
0700 – 1530	M-16 Training	Bus from 302nd Flagpole	SFS/6-6536
0730 – 1630	Initial Response EORI	Peterson AFB	XP/6-6234
0730 – 1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	MPF/6-7976
0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
0900	PEP Boards (TSgt & MSgt)	Bldg 845 Conference Rm	DPMSC/7555
0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Mt	Bldg 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	HDRC Meeting	Bldg 895 Room 206	CV/6-7087
0900 – 1000	Unit Safety Meeting	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
0900 – 1100	Immunizations	Clinic	ASTS/1132
1000 – 1030	Wing Training Plan Council	Bldg 895 Room 203	CCX/6-6770
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch!	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVS/6-4001
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
1200 – 1600	Chemical Training	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CE/6-7221
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300	PEP Boards (SMSgt/CMSgt)	Bldg 845, 21st SW Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
1300 – 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
1300 – 1400	DNA / HIV Testing	Clinic	SG/6-1132
1530 – 1600	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg 893 Conference Room	ASTS/4-1136
1500 – 1600	Homosexual Policy	Bldg 893, Room 111	JA/6-8140
2000 – 2300	Late night snack	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast Available	Aragon Dining Hall	SVF/6-4180
0700 – 1330	M-9 Training	Bus from 302nd flagpole	SFS/6-6536
0730 – 1200	Initial Response EORI	Peterson AFB	XP/6-6234
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	6-8307
0800 – 0900	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf	SC/6-8192
0800 – 1200	Trainer Certifier Course	Bldg 895	DPMT/6-7250
0800 – 1200	Chemical Refresher	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	DP/6-7221
0900	PEP Boards (TSgt/MSgt)	Bldg 845, 21st SW Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
0800 – 1200	Education Open House	Wing Training Room	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
1100 – 1200	Mask fitting	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	DP/6-7221
1100 – 1700	Let’s Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300	PEP Board (SMSgt/CMSgt)	Bldg 845, 21st SW Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
1300 – 1400	Commander’s SORTS Mt	Command Post CAT	CP/6-7369
2000 – 2300	Late Night Snack	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4001

Wing highlights members

Staff Report

302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office

Col. Richard Moss and the wing congratulate the following on their respective accomplishments.

These airmen earned stripes through the Professional Enhancement Program:

For promotion to technical sergeant:

Sean Jones 302nd Maintenance Squadron

Loralee Pringle 302nd Services Flight

For promotion to master sergeant:

Michael White 302nd MXS

Lt. Col. Luke A. Coker, 731st Airlift Squadron, and Master Sgt. F. Schnell, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, distinguished themselves at the 2002 Headquarters Air Force

Reserve Command Logistics Plans Award Ceremony. Coker was named Operations Plans Senior Manager of the Year, and Schnell was named Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. James W. Werle recently completed his Education and Training Apprenticeship Course at the 81st Training Group, Keesler AFB, Miss. Werle was named a distinguished graduate of the course by Air Education and Training Command.

The 302nd Logistics and Readiness Squadron also distinguished itself at the 2002 U.S. Air Force Transportation Award Ceremony. Members of this unit worked together to win the Air Reserve Command Special Transportation Activity Award.

Wing annual spouses' seminar nears with family day on horizon

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer L. Thibault

Front Range Flyer

Two annual 302nd events are on the horizon.

The 302nd Airlift Wing Annual Spouses' Information Seminar and the 302nd AW Annual Family Day are great opportunities for 302nd AW members and their families to learn about Reserve life and have a little fun too.

The Spouses' Information Seminar is scheduled for the next UTA, May 3. This seminar is open to spouses, spouses-to-be (i.e. fiances/fiancées), and military members from sister services who are new to the Air Force. Some of the topics to be covered include, TRICARE, base facilities, wills, power of attorneys,

spouse education benefits and family support groups to name a few. A new addition to this year's seminar is a 45 minute base bus tour. The tour is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Officer's Club parking lot. To reserve a seat on the tour, please contact public affairs at 556-4117.

The event is set to start at 8:30 a.m. and finish in time for lunch.

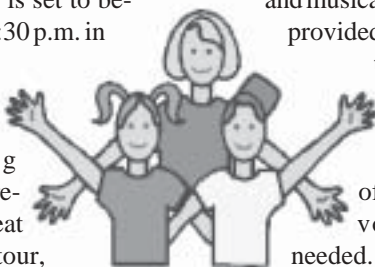
Invitations are available through the 302nd AW Family Support Office; however, they're not mandatory to attend.

August brings the wing's annual family day celebration. The event is scheduled

for Aug. 9; from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in hangar 210. Some of the proposed events include face painting and cake walks for the children, C-130 taxi rides and musical entertainment provided by the Band of the Rockies among others.

In order to put on this type of event, many volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering can do so by calling the Family Support office at 556-8184. Any offices/units interesting in having a unit booth during the event should also contact Family Support. Volunteers and unit booths need to be in by close of business May 3.

The next Family Day meeting is scheduled May 4, 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 895, Education Training Room.



Welcome newcomers

302nd Airlift Wing

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

302nd Operations Group

Maj. James J. Clements, Jr.

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Airman 1st Class Kritsin L.

Bradshaw

Staff Sgt. Tanya E. Cambell

Staff Sgt. Marc Lemaster

Airman 1st Class Todd Patrick

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Beatrice

Cervantes

Airman 1st Class Michael Gonzalea

Senior Airman Lamar Jennings

2nd Lt. Travis Waters

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Daniel Bruinsma

Airman 1st Class Giovanni A.

Hernandez

Airman 1st Class Michael

Hernandez

731st Airlift Squadron

Airman 1st Class Jessica R. Eblen

Senior Airman Jennifer R. Pressey

Capt. David Sivinski

310th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Keith Cross

Airman 1st Class Ericka Kircher

8th Space Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Nathan Bale

Staff Sgt. John McKinnon

7th Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Bruce A. Hake

Maj. Kriss Q. Hunold

Senior Airman Dawn Shay

14th Test Squadron

Maj. Billy Starkey

Maintenance repeats as bowling kingpins

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

Rank may have its privileges, but not when there's a bowling trophy on the line.

The 302nd Maintenance Squadron turned back a late challenge from the 302nd Airlift Wing staff to capture the 2nd annual Mission Support Group Bowling

Alan Flolo helped roll the Wing Staff team to a second place finish.



Tournament April 5.

The maintenance quintet led the wing team by 34 pins following the opening round of the 3-game tourney, but poured it on in game two as Robert Tate rolled a 235 and Mike Sanchez a 224 to spearhead a 963 series. With MXS sizzling, the wing stumbled to their lowest score, 723. That gave MXS a 274-pin advantage and all but clinched their repeat as champs. Tate, Sanchez, Bruce Wilkes, Dennis Martin and Jeff Wendling would need to fall on their faces not to take home the trophy again.

Maintenance tried to let the wing back in it, four team members bowling their lowest scores of the event, but the wing commander and the executive officer struggled, allowing MXS to walk away with the title again.

MXS finished with a 2569 series while the wing, comprised of Rich Moss, Mike Sumida, Alan Flolo, Bobby Smith and Jody Ritchie, finished with a 2336. The 39th Aerial Port Squadron Team 1 garnered



Brian Palmer of the Polcat team is suited up for battle on the bowling lanes.

third place, rolling a 2243. Bowling for APS were Dean Firestien, Joe Westerlund, Mark Rinker, Daniel Erives and Dan Oldes.

Thaddus Montgomery bowled the high series, a 597 which included a high game of 240. James Malone was the only bowler to eclipse 200 twice, rolling 203 and 211. Others marking down 200-plus games were Dave Dryden (215), Wendling (214), and Tony Garcia (213).

The tournament raised more than \$800, which will go into support funds, most of which will be used to help MSG members in need of financial assistance, according to coordinator Master Sgt. Tamra Davis.

Fitness month packed with events

May is Fitness month, and the services' members have ensured there's something for everyone throughout the month to stay active.

While the regularly scheduled aerobics and spinning classes remain the same, there have been several additions to the available curriculum. Below are some of the additions:

May 3—Five on five basketball tournament/One pitch softball tournament
May 5—Outdoor three on three basketball tournament
May 6—Outdoor three on three basketball tournament
May 7—One pitch softball tournament
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May 9—One pitch softball tournament

May 12—Jackpot Stairmaster & Stationary Bike Ride Challenge/Wallyball tournament

May 13—Jackpot Stairmaster & Stationary Bike Ride Challenge/Wallyball tournament

May 14—Track and field day

May 15—Three point basketball shootout/Intramural soccer

May 16—Health Fair

May 17—Family Armed Forces 5k Run/Walk

May 19—Intramural softball

May 20—Outdoor volleyball tournament

May 21—Outdoor volleyball tournament

May 22—Dodgeball tournament

May 23—1.5 mile family walk

May 27—Singles tennis tournament

May 28—Tennis singles/Retirees' health day

May 29—Tennis singles

To get start times of the above events or to find out about other scheduled activities, call the fitness center at 556-1515.

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